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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 054692

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SREF, AO, CG (SUMBU, PENA)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASYLUM

REF: KINSHASA 1989

1. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY HELD THAT ASYLUM IS THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THE REQUEST IS MADE. ZAIRE IS A SIGNATORY TO THE CONVENTION RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES WHICH IMPOSES CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS WHICH INCLUDE THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE EXPULSION OF A REFUGEE TO A COUNTRY WHERE HIS LIFE OR FREEDOM IS THREATENED BECAUSE OF RACE, RELIGION, NATIONALITY, MEMBERSHIP IN A PARTICULAR SOCIAL GROUP, OR POLITICAL OPINION. WE, THEREFORE, VIEW THIS TO BE AN ANGOLA-ZAIRE PROBLEM.

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2. THE UNHCR CAN BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN RESETTLING

REFUGEES IN THIRD COUNTRIES BOTH AS A RESULT OF DIRECT  
APPEALS BY THE REFUGEE OR BY THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THE  
REFUGEE IS LOCATED. WE BELIEVE BEST ALTERNATIVE IS  
REFERRAL TO UNHCR. KISSINGER

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